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ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curtly Told in This Column.

The total enrollment of pupils in the Santa Rosa High School is 232.

Los Angeles is improving the city Fire Department to the tune of $150,000.

Henry Nelson, a pioneer of Colusa county, died at his home in that county recently.

Rev. Slaughter of Woodland lost two children within a week of diphtheria.

The President has appointed Arthur W. Kinney to be receiver of public moneys in Los Angeles.

Geyserville vineyardists want a large winery established at that place before the next vintage comes on.

John Roberts of Mardstone, England, is in San Francisco. He intends purchasing large California farming properties.

Governor Budd has granted a pardon to Louis Sternberg, the ballot box stuffer of San Francisco, who was sent to San Quentin.

A bicycle track between Pasadena and Los Angeles, to be known as the California Cycleway is said to be an assured fact.

The Trustees of Alameda are considering an ordinance that will prevent moonlight picnics and dancing parties in that little city.

The trial of Henry Hoaglin, charged with the murder of his brother Charles at Blocksburg six weeks ago, has begun at Eureka.

Up to this date seventeen whaling vessels have arrived in San Francisco during the present season and the value of their cargoes is $750,000.

An important strike of natural gas is reported in Sonoma county. The flow is upon the ranch of John Bernham, who lives in Bennett Valley.

The Sather and the Nevada banks of San Francisco are soon to become National banks, the former with a capital of $500,000 and the latter $3,000,000.

A new mining district has been formed fifty miles southeast of Mojave, and quartz ledges there are yielding rock that assays up into the hundreds.

Town Marshal William Delashmutt of Selma, Fresno county, has disappeared with $500 of the municipal funds. He is a young man between 25 and 30 years of age.

The city of Spokane, Wash., is to issue $300,000 general municipal bonds for the purpose of funding the floating debt of the city, the object being to reduce interest charges.

The Virginia, Nevada, Enterprise publishes the names of 327 persons who were on the Comstock when Nevada was admitted, thirty-three years ago, and who still live there.

Salmon are very plentiful in Humboldt bay and in the streams emptying into it. In one night two or three fishermen of Eureka caught 104 salmon that averaged over forty pounds in weight.

Capt. A. W. Hall, of the schooner Grace, which sailed for Lower California from San Francisco, some months ago, has been arrested in San Diego for the attempted poisoning of his crew.

The Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Oregon, has taken steps to supply food to the needy and starving miners on the Yukon, and has asked the government to assist in getting supplies to Dawson city.

P. E. Smith, a saloon keeper at Randsburg, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a 38-calibre revolver. Smith appeared to be in the best of spirits and no cause can be assigned for his act.

One of the largest consignments of raw silk ever brought to the port of San Francisco, has arrived by the steamer Coptic from Yokohama via Honolulu. It consisted of 2,653 bales, and is to be shipped to New York.

There was a joint meeting of the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Exchange in San Francisco recently, to concert measures for securing to San Francisco next year the bulk of the trade with Alaska.

Diphtheria is quite prevalent at Sacramento, and has caused considerable alarm among parents. The funeral of a child that had died from the disease was held at a church, and was numerously attended, and this caused the disease to spread.

This year's grape crop is one of the largest ever produced by Sonoma county. From one vineyard which last year produced 90 tons, this season 700 tons have been obtained. High prices have been secured, and the vineyardists are all feeling prosperous.

Hemp growing is proving very profitable along the Feather river in the vicinity of Gridley, Butte county. The produce when ready for market sells at five cents per pound. Hemp could be grown with profit on the bottom lands of Kings river.

The first carload of oranges of the season from California has been shipped from Porterville, Tulare county, to Boston. From this time on the shipments from that point will be two or three carloads a day and the crop is estimated at seventy carloads.

Professor Millard M. Parker Vice-President of the Throop Polytechnic Institute at Pasadena, has accepted the Presidency of the Territorial University of Arizona. Professor Parker was formerly Mayor of that city and has always been prominent in educational circles.

Scarlet fever is epidemic at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute at Berkeley. Steps will be taken by the State Board of Health to quarantine the institution. Nine cases of fever have been reported since October 14th, and the spread of the disease is not yet checked.

Mayor Phelan of San Francisco will petition the courts for a restraining order to prevent the payment of the salary demands of the clerks and copyists of County Clerk Curry's office, until the legality of the act under which they were appointed is established.

A fatal accident has occurred in San Francisco, by which Mrs. Mary Wessel and her three-year-old son were burned to death by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The child had pulled the lamp over and the mother in trying to save the little one received burns which proved fatal in a short time.

An attempt was made to wreck the bridge of the Eureka & Klamath River Railroad across Mad River slough. A can containing ten pounds of blasting powder with a fuse attached had been placed on the bridge. Dampness prevented the fuse from igniting, and the bomb was found by the track walker.

Judge J. V. Coffey, of the Probate Department of the Superior Court, in San Francisco, has been sued for $50,000 damages by Attorney William Tomsky, who alleges he has been damaged to that extent because the court chided him for alleged misconduct in his management of the Michael Levy estate litigation.

Robert Murray has brought suit against the proprietors of the Reese vineyard in Fresno to recover $10,000 damages for injuries inflicted by William Paterson, an employe of the Reese Company, last month. Paterson had been employed by the Reese people to guard their vineyard. Paterson saw Dewitt Doland and Robert Murray in the field and shot them.

The schooner Stella Erland has arrived fourteen days from Cook's Inlet, Alaska. She had seven passengers aboard, who had between them $10,000 in gold. Their names were Samuel Henninger, Henry McGuire, T. A. Nan, W. F. Gibson and John Osborne. About $5,000 worth of gold dust belonged to Henninger, and represented his years' clean-up.

By the purchase of Grover & Co.'s large stock of lumber and the leasing of their mill for five years, the Santa Cruz lumber yard, comprising the Loma Prieta Lumber Company and the F. A. Hihn Company, the lumber war at Santa Cruz is ended, and the exclusive control of sixty thousand acres of timber lands and of the operations of three mills is assured.

W. C. Carter, a large land owner of Sierra Madre, was in conference recently at Los Angeles with the officials of the Pasadena and Pacific Railway Company in reference to an extension of the line, which now extends from Santa Monica to Pasadena, on to Sierra Madre, a distance of about eight miles. The beginning of the trail up to Mount Wilson is at Sierra Madre.

Hueneme, in Ventura county, is said to be greatly excited just now over the probable establishment there of a mammoth beet sugar factory. Practically the only doubtful point is whether all of the requisite 10,000 acres will be pledged by the farmers to be devoted to beet cultivation. The site of the factory has been fixed at the Lavier tract, several miles east of Hueneme.

Pruning Olive Trees.

It is difficult to give directions on paper how to prune trees, says J. S. Calkins, but it may be said that olive trees require annual pruning, which should be done during winter months before growth starts; if it is regularly attended to from the beginning, a knife and pruning shears are all the tools required. It is important to head back the top so that the trees will not become too tall to gather the fruit conveniently with a stepladder, the side branches will also need more or less shortening in, and some of the inside branches should be cut out to let in sunlight. The fruit is borne on twigs of the previous season's growth, and the aim should be to have always a plentiful supply of young bearing twigs. These are very easily secured by leaving a short stub in cutting off a branch, from which new ones readily start. After bearing two or three crops the little inside branches dry up, and should be removed, to give place to fruitful wood. A little summer pruning is necessary to keep off suckers and to shorten in extra strong shoots. The practice of allowing olive trees to grow two or three years without pruning, then removing a considerable portion of the large limbs and bearing wood is a very bad one. On rich land, or where trees are too much irrigated, causing excessive vegetation, if the strong new growth is shortened in during summer about one-half it will encourage the formation of fruit buds and increase fruitfulness the next season.

There is great excitement among the coal miners in Northern Illinois over the prospect that the Wilmington Coal Company, which operates mines in the Braidwood district, may introduce Chinese to take the place of the striers. Chinamen who contract to supply laborers for the Wyoming mines say they have received requests to supply them in Illinois.

State Treasurer Koerner, of Minnesota, reports that more mortgages have been paid off in that State this year than in any two years preceding.

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

Things That Have Happened all Over the Country

MENTIONED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS.

Selections That Will Greatly Interest Our Readers Both Old and Young.

The Port Arthur Dock and Channel Company proposes to build a drydock 500 feet long at Port Arthur, Texas.

Miss Francis E. Willard has been reelected President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Oscar Hammerstein, the theatrical manager in New York, has assigned for the benefit of creditors to Lewis J. Phillips.

Edward Hamilton, employed in the Worcester (Mass.) National bank, killed his wife and daughter and then shot himself.

The Standard Oil Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and an extra dividend of 5 per cent.

In Silver Creek, N. Y., three men blew open the safe in Heines' Bank, securing $10,000 in money and $4000 in jewelry.

The crew of the life-saving station at Cobb's Island, Virginia, were recently compelled to abandon the station on account of a storm.

Four persons were killed and a number injured by the breaking of an axle on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad near Charlotteville, Va.

George Brown, Jr., of Indiana, son of Admiral Brown, retired, has been appointed by the President an Assistant Paymaster in the navy.

The extensive establishment of the Heywood Brothers, in Boston, manufacturers of rattan furniture, has been badly damaged by fire. Loss, $50,000.

The bed of the Carson river, Nevada, from Dayton to Churchill, is covered with a dense growth of young cotton-woods, which sprung from the seed.

Acting Mayor Scobey of Denver, Colorado, has approved the ordinance recently passed by the Council fixing a license fee of $1000 for all dealers in cigarettes.

A number of employes in the office of the clerk of the Federal court at Philadelphia have been arrested for issuing fraudulent naturalization papers.

The Southern Pacific Company's Sunset route to New Orleans, from San Francisco, which has been badly crippled for some weeks past, on account of the yellow fever scare, in the Southern States, has now reopened for through business.

The total receipts of the bureau of internal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, show receipts of $146,619,593, a decrease of $311,022 as compared with last year. The total cost of collection was $3,848,668, a decrease over 1896 of $237,822.

A Youngstown (O.) dispatch says the employes at the Andrews Bros. Company's furnace have been given notice of a 10 per cent advance in wages, to go into effect December 1. Other blast furnace companies will soon advance the wages of their men.

A plan is now under consideration to run two limited trains east of El Paso, one making the trip to Chicago by way of the Texas and Pacific, St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, and the Chicago and Alton roads, and the others to New Orleans over the Sunset route.

A Pineville, Ky., dispatch says Andrew van Horn, a prominent farmer, and his wife, were found in a dying condition by neighbors a few mornings ago. It is supposed that Van Horn became mentally unbalanced, and while in this state shot his wife and then himself.

Postmaster-General Gary has awarded the contract for the ocean mail service for five years between New York, Cuba, the West Indies and Mexican ports to the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company. The contract price is about $1 per statute mile, and the company is to build two new vessels of about 5,000 tonnage and about sixteen knots' capacity.

A new industry has started at Owensboro, Kentucky, with 100 employes. It is to utilize corn stalks for cellulose for lining battleships. Material for making an imitation of silk and for making celluloid are among the products. Paper is another product. W. W. Gibbs of Philadelphia is president, and the stockholders are Easterners.

The auction of the Union Pacific Railroad took place on November 1, at Omaha, Nebraska. There was but one bid for the road, that offered by the reorganization syndicate, and amounting to $58,065,718. The Kansas Pacific branch of this road and the Central Pacific remain to be disposed of, but their sale will not take place until after Congress meets. The auctioneer received $100,000 for his half-hour's work.

The council held with Gov. Mount at Indianapolis with reference to the importing of Kentucky miners into Davies and Pike counties, Ind., to take the places of striking miners of Gabel and Kaufman coal operatives, has come to a satisfactory ending. One hundred of the striking miners, it is said, will go to work immediately, and others will follow. The labor commissioners went to Davies county for the purpose of bringing about a better understanding between employes and employers.

FOREIGN NEWS.

General von Worden died recently at Gorlitz, in Prussian Silesia, Germany.

The wheat crop in Queensland, Australia, is estimated at forty bushels to the acre.

A German comic paper has been seized in Paris for publishing cartoons ridiculing President Faure and the French Republic.

In Queensland the area of planting is double that of last year, and many crops it is estimated, will yield forty bushels to the acre.

Extradition papers have been granted in London in the case of J. B. Ford, who is charged with forgery by the Cincinnati Coffin Company.

It is reported that the States constituting the Greater Republic of Central America have again refused to accept U. S. Minister, W. L. Merry.

The Sultan of Morocco has won a victory over the Bananier tribe at Tala. Many prisoners were taken and fifty-five heads were spiked on the walls of Markesh.

M. Matsumura, a Japanese merchant, says Japan wants to retain the friendship of the U. S. because a war between Japan and Russia is certain to come.

The long expected floating drydocks built in England and spacious enough to accommodate large ironclads has arrived at Havana, Cuba. It crossed the Atlantic without damage.

Minister Buck telegrpahs from Tokio that a serious crisis exists in the Japanese cabinet. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has resigned and Viscunt Vishi has been appointed.

The Hendersons of Glasgow, Scotland, who built the Britannia, Valkyrie and other famous yachts, are to build an eighty ton racing cutter for the Prince of Wales from designs by G. L. Watson.

Lieutenant-Colonel Horatio D. Davies has been installed as Lord Mayor of London, succeeding Sir George Faudel-Phillips. The usual ceremonies were held in the usual fog and drizzling rain.

Consul Bartleman at Malaga, Spain, reported to the State Department estimates of the amount of sugar produced in Europe from beets in the year 1897-98 at 4,500,000 tons against 415,749 tons for the previous year.

The residence of George Tullock, about three miles from Halifax, Nova Scotia, was burned to the ground recently. Miss Mary Walker, sister of Mrs. Tullock and a [illegible] year-old child of the Tullocks, were burned to death.

The strike of bakers has become general in Madrid, Spain, and residents of the city are experiencing great difficulty in procuring bread. The government is using soldiers to operate the bake ovens to a limited extent.

The Ottoman Government has notified the owners of its objection to Colonel Schaefer of the army of Luxemburg as provisional commissioner of the powers for the island of Crete, and in her objection she is sustained by Germany.

Mount Vesuvius, near Naples, Italy, is in great activity. A mass of lava is pouring out of the Artio del Cavallo crater, which opened in 1895. Two wide streams are flowing down in the direction of Vitrova and Hiano del Inestre.

The British dependencies in the West Indies and South America are making a concerted move for the securing of reciprocity arrangements with the United States which will give them better commercial facilities under the Dingley Bill.

The customs committee of the French chamber of deputies has decided to recommend that the government maintain the preivous duties on pork products, including lard, with the exception of reducing the duty on salt pork, hams and bacon from 30 to 25 francs.

Cabinet officers refused to discuss the London cable announcing that Spain has substantially accepted our right to intervene in the Cuban question. The Administration is known to believe that when the Cuban correspondence is made public that the country will be satisfied.

The British Minister to Greece, E. H. Ergton, has returned to Athens and is distributing clothing, etc., to the destitute Thessalians. It has been decided to appeal to Europe and America to raise the sum of £20,000 ($100,000) with which to relieve the terrible distress existing in Greece.

While a number of students and officers were lounging in a local coffee house in Vienna a dispute arose which culminated in a serious affray. Three of the students and a waiter were badly wounded. The police have begun a thorough investigation into the cause of the difficulty.

The German Reichstag will meet November 30th. It is understood that in addition to the budget a naval bill and a measure for the reform of military procedure, both of which have been under ministerial consideration for some time past, will be introduced as soon as the session opens.

Minister Conger at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, has notified the State Department of the murder of Minister of War Betancourt and the attempt to assassinate Prsident Moreas at Rio. He says there is wild excitement over the affair and general alarm is felt. The cruiser Cincinnati is to remain at Rio to care for America interests.

A duel has been fought in Paris between Albert Carre, manager of the Theater de Vadeville, and M. Servanines, editor of The Paris. The former received a scratch on the arm. The encounter grew out of an article published in The Paris containing allusions to the private affairs of M. Carre, which he resented as an insult.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Helpful Suggestions For the Agriculturists.

HINTS THAT ARE INTERESTING.

Some Good Advice for the Ruralists—A Budget of Knowledge That May Prove Beneficial.

When to Fatten Steers.

In reply to a question, John Cownie says the greatest profit can undoubtedly be secured by beginning the fattening process as soon as the calf arrives, with no let-up until the animal is sold. With well-bred cattle, the calf intended for beef should be liberally fed from birth, whether steer or heifer, and should never feel the pangs of hunger or thirst. Cattle of good breeding fed in this manner will at twenty-four to thirty months of age, have both the necessary size and finish to insure a price close to the top of the market, but if stunted at that period, forced feeding afterward will never regain what has been lost in quality, even when the weight has been secured. But, taking the average steer as found in the corn belt, and to which the inquiry, no doubt, has reference, the steer for profitable fattening should have attained a weight of 900 to 1100 pounds when fattening begins.

A year ago the demand was for medium-weight cattle in only fair flesh; now the demand is for heavy cattle fully fattened, and this class of steers are scarce and command good prices. It is not so much a question of age as weight that must determine the time when steers should be placed in the feed lot, for often the yearling is better developed than the two-year-old, this condition depending entirely upon the breeding and feeding of the animal. In purchasing steers for the feed lot, my rule has been to finish them when three-year-olds, but steers of my own raising go with them when two years old, and in size and quality are superior to those purchased. Good breeding and liberal feeding, summer and winter, will readily gain a year over a three-year-old steer of the average breeding and feeding. With well-bred cattle it will usually be profitable to fatten it to a finish, and this will require from six to ten months, and the gain should be about two pounds daily.

Olive Varieties.

All varieties may be divided into two classes, according to their qualities for oil or pickles, says J. S. Calkins. It may be said that all olives make good pickles, but the dealers prefer large ones, to please the eye of buyers, and in this respect they are preferable, thought the demand for California pickled olives, of whatever variety, is greater than the supply. On the same tree, of any variety, the olives will vary in size, and should be graded. A grader manufactured by Wickson & Co., Los Angeles, is in use, which separates the fruit into three or more different sizes; by its use the larger fruit of most varieties could be used for pickles and the smaller ones made into oil.

The smaller varieties are preferred by oil makers, being, as a rule, richer in oil than the larger sorts and containing less pulp and water of vegetation, which is a detriment in making oil.

The Mission is the oldest variety in California, and has produced most of our oil and pickled olives up to the present time, the other varieties being of too recent introduction to have produced much in comparison. The Nevadillo and Manzanillo were selected in Spain by Prof. Pondrof, and imported into California by him. These two varietes have been more largely planted in the State than any others excepting the Mission. It is the belief of olive experts that the olive tree, under proper care, is an annual bearer, and that any irrregularity in bearing is not inherent in the tree, but may be due to injudicious pruning or non-pruning, to black scale, and to its inability in scanty or non.-bearing years to adequately fertilize its own flowers, but these detriments, if present, may be overcome by the grower if he gives the same care to his olive orchard that any other fruit industry requires to make it successful.

The California Pear.

The persistence of California shippers in face of apparently insuperable difficulties has finally been rewarded by the establishment of a permanent and reliable market for California pears in London, says the San Jose Mercury. The demand having been created, the prices on an average will probably be sufficiently high to enable the enterprising shippers to make a reasonable profit, although for a considerable time the expermient was conducted at a loss. The pears grown in this State are larger than those with which France has heretofore been supplying the English market, and if not absolutely superior in flavor and juciness they are equally as good as the French product. The California Bartlett, in fact, has no equal anywhere.

The home market, once it becomes thoroughly exploited by the fruit-growers of this State, will prove to be the biggest and the best, nevertheless every additional outlet for our fruit is welcomed by the growers. There are millions of people in the United States who have never seen or tasted a California pear nor sampled the sun-cured products of our orchards, the delicious and nutritious prunes, apricots and other dried fruits. In time, when the fruit-growers have learned that the way to get business is to go after it, there will be a market for their fruits in every city and village of every Eastern State, and where one pound is now there will be a demand for twenty. But at present the growers appear to be more interested in opening up markets abroad than at home, and if their green pears can be sold in England and their dried fruits in Hamburg and elsewhere, so much the better for them. The greater the quantity of fruit sold abroad the smaller will be the stock available for the home market, and the better the chances for keeping prices at a profitable figure.

Apple Shortage.

The shortage in the apple crop of the season in the East is one of the notable features of the agricultural situation, says the S. F. Call. The Orange Judd Farmer reports that exhaustive and far-reaching investigations into the condition of the apple crop leads to the conclusion that the supply will be about 37,436,000 bbls. as against 70,000,000 bbls. last year and 61,000,000 bbls. in 1895.

The shortage in the crop of the Eastern States will not be made up in any other locality. Canada, like the United States, will have a smaller crop than last year and the output of England and the Continent will be only fair. It is belived, moreover, that much of the European crop is of the earlier varieties and will soon be out of the way, so that there is likely to be a considerable foreign demand for American apples.

All this, of course, will have its effect on the fruit market generally. The Farmer notes, however, that "enormous quantities of Southwestern fruit, prematurely ripened or positively damaged by reason of excessive heat and drouth, have been rushed to market," and adds, "this temporarily hurts the situation, but the undertone is one of confidence, both West and East."

The farmer will not have to spend his time digging his farm from under the apple crop this year, but he will perhaps get as much from his short crop as from the excessive supply he had in 1896. At any rate, he will get enough for his winter apples to pay him for picking them and hauling them to town. Anything in the apple line that isn't frost-bitten has money in this season.

Fumigating Trees.

Orange-growers of Glendora, Azusa, Covina and the tributary country are learning the value of fumigation. An exchange says that in that section there are nine sets of tents at work. Dr. Dunn of Pomona is in that part of Los Angeles county with a force of about twenty-five men, while an Azusa man has four outfits continuously at work at fumigation. Of such importance is this matter of fumigating that in the Glendora country buyers are paying 10 cents per box more for the fumigated fruit.

It would seem that fumigation is not to be practiced at all times and seasons with safety. The Horticultural Commisioners lately directed the fumigation of certain orange orchards at North Ontario and vicinity. The owners had contracted to have these trees budded during the past month, and in conjunction with the budding company sought to have the commissioner delay operations under his order until the budding could be accomplished, the reason of such request being that this is the only time in the year such budding can be well done in new shoots. The request was ignored, however, and the fumigating pushed ahead. The effect of this was to destroy the tree shoots upon which alone the budding can be done; not only this, but to materially damage the crop of fruit.

Smyrna Will Grow Here.

In 1880 there was imported from Smyrna to this State by G. P. Rixford, a large number of cuttings of the so-called Smyrna fig trees, which were planted in different parts of the State. Much was expected of this importation, but none of the trees have borne any fruit. In the course of time Professor Gustav Eisen of the Academy of Sciences announced the theory that the Smyrna fig needed the intervention of a wasp (Blastophoga psenes), to pollenate the female flowers of the edible fig (Ficus capri). The correctness of this theory has received abundant proof in this State. In 1891 Professor Eisen and E. W. Maslin, a member of this board, who had a large plantation of seedling Smyrna figs, discovered at Niles, in Alameda county, a wild fig tree (Ficus capri), growing on a plantation of figs which grew from the Rixford cuttings. These Capri figs contained fully developed and abundant pollen. The pollen was transferred by means of a quill toothpick to about fifty figs growing on trees of the Rixford importation, which for eight or nine years had matured no edible fruit. Every fig so pollenated matured into an edible fig—sweet, succulent and bearing (so-called) fertile seed having the exact flavor of the imported Smyrna fig. This experiment was tried in several succeeding years with like result.

Egg Production of 1896.

Run an eye over the following, and see what Uncle Sam's poultry did in 1896, says the Rural New Yorker:

Earnings of Poultry, $290,000,000; total of pensions, $139,280,008.15; total of school expenditures, $178,215,556; total of interest of mortgages, $76,728,077; value of swine, $186,529,745; value of potato crop, $78,984,901; value of tobacco crop, $35,574,220; value of cotton crop, $259,164,640; value of oat crop, $163,655,068; value of wheat crop, $237,938,998.

It will thus be seen that the American hen is giving an excellent account of herself. For when we come to examine the above figures, we shall find that she takes no mean place among the producers of this country. Long live the American hen! May her cackle never grow less! May her comb grow red with prosperity! And may her eggs roll the mortgage away from many a farm!

DUTIES INCREASED.

Naval Personnel Board Will Propose Some Innovations.

ENGINEERS AS LINE OFFICERS.

Their Standing To Be Materially Advanced by the Proposed Changes.

Washington.—It is pretty well understood here now that the naval personnel board will recommend that the older engineers who are not graduates of the naval academy will be required to perform engineering duties only. The engineer graduates who entered as engineers will be given the option of qualifying as line officers or of continuing to perform engineering duties solely; the younger engineers, all of whom entered as naval cadets, will probably be transferred, with the requirement that after a reasonable time they shall fit themselves for all duties, both as line officers and engineers, and the younger line officers of corresponding date will be required to fit themselves for the performance of engineering duties in addition to those they now perform.

In all probability if any change is made in the marine corps it will consist in its complete absorption into the line, as has been proposed for the engineers, while with the pay corps the change would probably consist in not making any more appointments from civil life, but, as vacancies occurred at the lower end, transferring these numbers to the line and then detailing line officers for the performance of duty as paymasters. The object of this latter scheme is stated by prominent line officers to be not any desire to abolish the pay corps, but to secure an additional officer on the ship qualified to command a division of men in connection with the guns or powder division.

It is claimed by leading line officers who recently served in command of large ships that the number of line officers is insufficient for properly performing battle service in time of war. As they put it, the primary object of the navy is to enable ships to fight, and they feel that everything else should be subordinated to securing efficiency in that respect.

The absorption of the engineer corps by the line, which seems now well assured, means that all officers for a certain number of years will be expected to be equally proficient in the duties of line as well as engineer officers. In other words, engineers are to take the deck, and as such will for the time be virtually in charge of the ship. Line men below a certain number are to take the engine-room and serve on watch.

The duties under the present scheme will be interchangeable and a line officer will not only be expected to conduct the movements of the ship from the deck, but equally be prepared to answer bells from the bridge.

There is a further proposition that the machinists of the navy, who are not designated as enlisted men, shall be allowed fuller authority in running the engines, their duties to be increased and their powers correspondingly. The standing of this type, in other words, is to be materially advanced.

The "old navy" machinists while not performing service as arduous or perhaps requiring as much intelligence, nevertheless were clothed with vaster responsibilities, and under the present propositions it is intended that the work of this class shall be advanced so far as the responsibility is concerned. The effect of this may be to lighten the duties somewhat of the officers in the engine-room. It may in time create a mechanical force in the engineer's department from the Government.

THE SMELTER TRUST OPPOSED.

Colorado Mine Owners Unite to Protect Their Own Interests.

Leadville, Colo.—Great interest is manifested here in the reported formation of a smelter trust to regulate the price of smelting ores, etc. One of the largest mine managers of this district said to an Associated press reporter:

"The object of this smelter meeting is known to the mine-owners and mine managers, and as a result there is a prospect of a bitter fight, with the smelters arrayed on one side and the mine managers and owners on the other. This fight was virtually started at Leadville the other night at a meeting of mine owners and mine managers of the camp. They thoroughly discussed the question and decided to organize an association to protect their own interests against the smelters.

"In order to show what the smelters intended to do one of the mine managers stated that he had been requested by a smelter to enter into a contract for the sale of his ore before the trust went into effect.

At this meeting in Leadville we decided that a circular should be gotten up to be sent to all of the mine owners of the West. This circular sets forth the object of the association and also calls for suggestions as to the time for holding a meeting of all of the mine-owners.

"The mine managers insist that instead of allowing the smelters to regulate the price that they ought to do it themselves. They also object to the smelter getting the benefit of the low rates and the rebates from the railroads which, it is claimed, that they are now receiving. There is certainly a bitter fight in sight."

Yellow fever in New Orleans continues on the decrease, and the Board of Health is elated over the prospects of an early termination of the scare.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMER 18, 1897

It will soon be time for the Government to go to the rescue of the fools who went into the Klondike with only food enough to last them sixty days.

A correspondent wants to know which is the best financial paper published in this country; to which we unhesitatingly reply, "The Gold Certificate."

Back in Colorado a woman sued for divorce because her husband had cold feet. The Judge refused the petition and told her to try a hot brick, applied often.

"The world owes a great deal to the lazy man," says an exchange. "In order to save his hands and feet, he sets his brain to devising some labor-saving scheme, and the world ever afterward gets the benefit of his invention."

Within the next few days the San Francisco Call will be issued from its new home and we hasten to extend our congratulations. It will be improved typographically but not editorially; it has always been bright in that department.

A Kansas City clergyman says he makes more performing marriage ceremonies than he does by preaching. We have not the least doubt of it. That goes to show that people are more ready to pay for a home on earth than for an uncertain mansion in the sky.

The poisoning of a well at Dixon, by which two persons lost their lives, was such a heinous act that it is to be hoped the monster responsible for it will be found and punished. Nothing so well illustrates an utterly depraved heart as such a crime as this.—Alameda Argus.

Several political wires have been laid underground—as it were—throughout Washington township, but as yet have not been brought to the notice of the public. If they do not rust out before the coming election we will notify the voters of this district what is being done and for what purpose said wires have been so secretely laid.

Iowa farmers have been having such hard times for the past few years that they have got the farming business down to so fine a point that it becomes a habit for them to economize, so now they are rapidly getting out of debt and see before them a prospect of a comfortable bank account. Trouble is sometimes a blessing in disguise.

Since the "slug-ball" season began last month the deaths as a result of the sport (?) have been apalling, not counting slight injuries Killed, 4; critically injured, 5; severely injured, 105. It is no wonder that the Georgia Legislature has passed a law prohibiting foot-ball. Other states would be wise if they followed her example.

The New York Journal is casting about for some one to rescue. Let us suggest that it turn its energies towards Mrs. Maybrick, who is languishing in an English prison. It is the general belief of Americans that this woman is unjustly imprisoned. Some of the best people in the United States united in an appeal for her release, yet the hard-hearted British Home Secretary did not pay any heed to the appeal. Now is the Journal's opportunity! Let it rescue Mrs. Maybrick. Let it give the lie to those papers that accuse it of perpetrating fake rescues on its readers Go ahead, O Journal, and rescue that imprisoned American lady, while the world trembles at your adaucity and stands ready to applaud heartily at your success. Mrs. Maybrick must be rescued and the Journal must do it.

While several San Francisco newspapers have been making a prodigious pow-wow about rescuing the crews of the ice bound whalers in the Artic, the Government has quietly decided to take all the wind out of their sails by sending a revenue cutter to their relief. So the live papers have done all their blowing and abuse for nothing. But the people are used to that in the case of newspapers who try to live by sensationalism instead of legitimate newspaper work.—San Jose Herald

Of course the Southern Pacific people are against Dr. Pardee for Govenor. They have not forgotten the way he instituted water-front suits and pulled up the railroad tracks at the foot of Brodway while he was Mayor of Oakland. They know full well that he stands for the interests of the people, as his past actions show. W. R Davis, while Mayor of Oakland, did not worry the Huntington Corporation to any great extent, but as a matter of course came out strong on the anti-railroad question when he was employed under the Pardee administration to promote the water-front suits. Pardee handled the business of his office in a manner not thought of by any previous mayor, and his honesty and fairness made him known throughout the whole State of California.

Many good items of news are lost to the newspapers by the modesty of the people, who hesitate to tell the reporters of the matters concerning themselves. Not that they do not want it to appear in print, but they are afraid they would be putting themselves forward. This is a wrong idea. From a reportorial standpoint the man who will stop a newspaper reporter on the street and inform him that he has been in Chicago or some other city, that his wife entertained friends from a distance, is the best man alive. May his likeness increase on the earth. If you have done anything mean or disreputable it isn't necessary to tell it, for there are always plenty of people who will do that for you. It is the good things about yourself and neighborhood that the newspaper man wants you to tell him about.—Ex.

FOOT-BALL.

Some Editorial Comments From Eastern Exchanges.

Another victim of slugball has been put under the sod. His name was Andrew Hasche, and his neck was broken in a so-called game at Steinway, N. Y., last Sunday afternoon. It is said that he was a "tall, well-built young fellow of 19, a fast runner and a splendid player." How many more lives must be sacrificed in this brutal and degrading sport before public opinion will suppress it?—Chicago Tribune.

Another football fatality is reported. A Rhode Island cow swallowed an inflated pigskin and it killed her.—Cleveland Leader.

As a result of recent games at Harvard several of the football men have been put on crutches or sent to the hospital. An endowment for a football hospital seems to be one of the chief needs of universities to-day.—Chicago News.

If the Cleveland boy is to be inveigled in a few years into the game of football by the Princeton students, the parents may as well take all the comfort with him now that they can get.—Kansas City Star.

It is now considered proper to issue bulletins when a football game is played without fatal results.—Cleveland Leader.

Order of Service.

St. James Episcopal Church, Centreville, Thanksgiving Day 1897.

Voluntary—Organ.
Anthem—R. A. Smith.
Thanksgiving Chant—Dr. Boyce
Psalms—9th Selection.
Benedicite—Oxford and Ancient Chants.
Benedictus—Richard Farrant.
Hymn—396. Music, St. George.
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Hymn 277—Old Hundred
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A False Rumor.

A report gained circulation in town last week to the effect that Mrs. Persico had died in San Francisco. Upon investigation the story is found to have been made from whole cloth. The lady is alive and well and is conducting a boarding house near the Ingleside track. Her husband is running a saloon and dance hall and tailoring establishment adjoining and says he is making "plenty of mon."

Of for Skaguay.

Jack Stanley left yesterday by steamer to Seattle and Victoria and thence to Skaguay. He took with him four large dogs, which will be used in sleding food from Skaguay to Lake Bennett. Jack has been full of business for some weeks past getting ready for this return trip, and is now prepared to make the venture a success. His mules will be taken to Skaguay in the spring by John Coffaney, and they will commence a general packing business over the Pass.

McCann—Smith.

Mr. Miles C. McCann of Irvington and Miss Addie Smith of Livermore, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in Oakland Tuesday. It was a quiet wedding, none but the regular witnesses being present The young couple are at present stopping near Mission San Jose, but will leave for the east in a few weeks where they will take up their residence The groom has been living in this place for some time, but not a rumor as to this step leaked out and he stole a march on the boys in great shape.

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LEGAL.

Executors Sale of Real Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California made on the 8th day of November 1897 in the matter of the estate of MANUEL RODRICKS, Deceased, the undersigned executor of said Estate will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court on or after the 7th day of December 1897 all the right, title, interest and estate of the said deceased at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that the said Estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of the said deceased at the time of his death in and to all that real property situate in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the south easterly line of a tract of land containing ten acres, heretofore conveyed by E. L. Beard and Jane M., his wife, to Manuel Rodricks, by deed dated September 1?, 1867, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County of Alameda, in Liber "Y" of Deeds, at pages 676 and 677, said point of beginning being the most Westerly corner of land owned by John S. Rose, and the most Northerly corner of land owned by Frank Clark; thence South 31 degrees 45 minutes West along the North-westerly lines of lands of Clark, Francisco, Rosa, Williams and Bittencurte, 1232 3 feet to a stake on the most Westerly corner of the land of said Bittencurte; thence north 58 degrees 15 minutes West 195.42 feet to a stake on the corner common to the tract hereby described, and land formerly owned by Manuel Rollins; thence north 31 degrees 45 minutes east 1232.3 feet to a stake; thence south 58 degrees 15 minutes east 195.4 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 5.53 acres, together with the appurtenances. Terms and conditions of sale: Cash in gold coin of the United States. Deed at expense of purchaser. Bids or offers must be in writing and may be made at any time after the first publication of this notice and may be delivered to the undersigned personally at his residence in Centerville in said County or filed in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

Dated, November 18, 1897.

MANUEL R. RODRICKS
executor of the Estate of Manuel Rodricks, Deceased.

Delinquent Sale Notice.

Niles Co-operate Fruit Association.

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Location of works Niles, Alameda County, California.

—NOTICE—

There are delinquent upon the following described stock on account of Assessment No 3 levied on the twenty fifth day of September 1897, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:-

NAMES	No. CERTIF.	No. SHARES	AMT.
W. H. Tyson	6	5	$12 50
Mrs E. Tyson	7	10	25.00
B. L. Tyson	8	5	12 50
Geo P Lowrie	22	5	12.50
Joseph Tyson	24	15	37.50

And in accordance with law, and an order of the Board of Directors made on the twenty-fifth day of September 1897 so many shares of each parcel of said stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the Association at Niles, Alameda County, Cal. on Saturday the twentieth day of November 1897, at the hour of three o'clock p. m. of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.

GEO. H. HUDSON
Secretary

Office at Niles, Alameda County, California.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Rozaria da Silva Gularte Alvarnas (otherwise known as Rozaria da Silva Gularte, otherwise known as Rosaria Gularte) deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Rozaria da Silva Gularte Alvarnas, (otherwise known as Rozaria da Silva Gularte, otherwise known as Rosaria Gularte) deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of Jno G. Mattos, Jr., Attorney at Law in Centreville, Alameda county, State of California which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Rozaria da Silva Gularte Alvarnas (otherwise known as Rozaria da Silva Gularte, otherwise known as Rosaria Gularte) deceased.

JOSE CAETANO ALVARNAS
Administrator of the estate of Rozaria da Silva Gularte Alvarnas (otherwise known as Rozaria da Silva Gularte, otherwise known as Rosaria Gularte), deceased.

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John G Mattos, Jr.,
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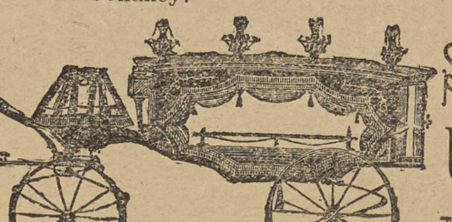

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TOWN GOSSIP.

Job printing at this office.

Haley Durham spent Sunday in Santa Rosa.

Ladies' Guild annual Bazaar at Niles Dec. 3.

Turkey Roasters in all sizes at O. N. Hirsch & Co's.

Mrs. Wamsley entertained Mrs. Mortimer of Niles Sunday.

Mrs. Theo Milliken of Sacramento is on a visit to her parents.

Rev. A. R Hathaway preached in the church Sunday morning and afternoon.

The weather signal flags at the warehouse are attracting considerable attention.

Nearly all of the young men of town attended the coursing match at Newark Sunday.

Cranberries, Raisins, Currants, Citron and Nuts for Thanksgiving at O. N. Hirsch & Co's.

There will be a tamale social in the church tomorrow evening. Al are invited to be present.

F. D Reichel, Teacher of Violin, Irvington. Music furnished for Balls, Picnics and Parties.

Mrs. A. C. Vandervoort of Pleasanton has been visiting with Mrs T. Vandervoort during the past week.

Dr. H. Durham was the recipient of a fine bicycle Monday, a present from his brother who resides in Chicago.

O. Slayton Jr. has just returned from a goose hunt and reports that he and two companions killed 42 in two days shooting.

Grape crushing in the various wineries in this vicinity has come to an end for this season. The crop has been the largest for many years.

Supervisor Wells has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors to replank three bridges in the Alvarado district at a cost not to exceed $49.

N. L. Babb, Dr. Young and L. E Osgood have returned from their hunting trip, and on their return left a fine, fat goose at the home of ye editor, for which we extend thanks.

Josh Chadbourne has just finished a fine duck boat and will launch the same at the Larkin Landing in a few days. He expects to spend many a day in his boat hunting in the marshes near Newark.

Ed Farley, the proprietor of the Alvarado coal and wood yard, drove through town Monday on his way to deliver a wagon load of coal. He says his business is picking up constantly, and he is well pleased with his new venture.

The Niles Ladies' Guild will hold their annual Bazaar in Ford's Hall the afternoon and evening of Dec. 3rd. Besides the large number of fancy articles which will be on sale the ladies have prepared an interesting program. See advertisement in another column.

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The Butcher's Ball.

The Butcher's Ball last Friday evening was a great success both socially and financially and the boys of the Irvington Market may well feel proud of their efforts.

The guests began to arrive early and the hall was comfortably filled by eight o'clock. Then the neighboring towns began to be heard from From Alvarado, Niles, Centreville, Newark, Decoto, Mission, Sunol and even San Jose, they came singly, in pairs and in parties, until it seemed as if not another couple could find room to dance. The butcher boys with their snow-white aprons flitted about the hall welcoming them and inviting all to have a good time. Occasionally some one would call out that he wanted a good "round" and the butchers would make a dive for their knives to cut him off a "round steak," but when they saw through the joke, that the wag wanted a "round dance," they cut him off a piece of their mind and admonished him to keep quiet.

The grand march was led by Bob Blacow and Miss Juliet Coppage and about forty couples were in line. After the grand march dancing was engaged in until midnight when all adjourned to the supper room adjoining, where a dainty repast was served. The tables had to be set twice, so great was the demands on the tempting supper After supper dancing was resumed and kept up until the "wee sma' hours," when the company dispersed after thanking the boys for an enjoyable evening.

The music for the evening was of the best and was furnished by Prof Reichel and Fred Chadbourn.

They Were From Warm Springs.

One day last week the "eagle eye" of a PRESS man saw two ladies driving through town with a pair of shoes tied to the axle of the buggy. Suspecting there was a wedding not far off and the ladies were the advance guard, the pencil pusher started out on a still hunt for the item. It developed that the ladies were guests at the wedding of a friend and some joker had tied the shoes on, knowing that they would get the laugh when on the way home. The ornaments were not discovered until they got home and then they made many dire threats of vengeance. Both of them are estimable Warm Springs ladies, one being married. Their friends are giving then the ha! ha! in great shape.

An Eloquent Lecture.

Mr. A. B. Coffey, editor of the California School Journal delivered an interesting lecture at the Seminary Friday evening, his subject being "The Fruits of the American Press." The lecturer showed himself to be thoroughly conversant with his subject. His remarks were mainly directed at that class of literature known as "yellow journals," and he gave such papers a terrible scoring. Were his remarks published, they would set people thinking and make a great stir among the reading public who are daily served with "yellow papers" at their morning meal.

A Royal Time.

Fifty-eight little tots, between the ages of three and six years, spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus at Niles, and a happier lot of children it would be hard to find. They attend the Oakland Central Free Kindergarten, situated at the corner of 3rd and Franklin streets, and were under the personal supervision of Miss Grace Patterson, Miss Maud Jacobus and Miss Margaret Williams, their teachers. Mr. A. D. Wilder, Division Superintendent of the S. P. Co., kindly donated a special car, for which the thanks of the teachers, scholars and parents of the little ones are hereby tendered.

Each year the children are given something out of the usual run, and this outing was what might be called a Thanksgiving Picnic. Upon their arrival at the station at Niles, they were conveyed to the Jacobus home in vehicles driven by J. E Jacobus and friends, and upon their arrival proceeded to eat of all the good things prepared for them and did not seem to stop for the balance of the day. A gas ball was presented to each "kid" as "Choppy" styled it, together with nuts, popcorn, apples, candy etc.

At four o'clock the bell sounded and the little ones gathered around their teachers preparatory to taking their homeward trip. Once again the carriages brought into play, and the children, all tired out, were safely landed in their car at the depot.

The day will long be remembered by the large number of spectators present, as one of the most novel in their experience as residents of Niles.

NILES.

Miss Laura Thane is visiting Miss Mabel Yates in Berkeley.

Mrs. H. G. Ellsworth is recovering rapidly from her recent illness, and is able to ride out these pleasant days

Duck hunters come and go during the season, with varying success Joseph Tyson and J. B. Barnard were gone all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Easterday's little son is very ill indeed

Mrs J. Donovan is in San Leandro with her sister who is very ill.

Mrs. M. Beechtel of Ukiah is visiting Mrs Chittenden this week.

A committee meeting of the Womans Club was held last Tuesday and the members of the committee were entertained with a charming luncheon, given by Mrs Helen Turnor of Centreville.

The United Artisans gave one of their popular receptions and dances last Friday night, which was very well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Guild will be held the afternoon and evening of Dec. 3, in Ford's Hall. Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 P. M., the price being but twenty-five cents. Admittance to the hall will be free. A good programme been arranged.

The entertainment given in the Congregational Church Friday evening, was the first of a series to be given, and was well attended. The recitations by Mrs Kuns were excellent and the vocal selection by Miss Lucy Ellis and Mr Alex. Chisholm were greatly appreciated Mrs Higley, Mrs Edgar and Mr. Jesse Harcourt gave a good number; a trio for banjos and guitar.

A harvest home entertainment is to be given by the Sunday School members of the Congregational Church the evening before Thanksgiving. It will be a sort of gift social; no admission will be charged but all who can attend are asked to take some small gift of fruit, flour, clothing etc. to be distributed later where it will help the needy. A bright program is being rehearsed.

Mrs. H. J. Tilden returned Saturday from Skyland, where she had been the past month, much improved in health. Judge Tilden had arranged an agreeable surprise for her which was a success in every particular. Over 25 invitations had been issued for an "Old Folks Whist" for Saturday evening, and 21 guests were present. The combined ages of the guests was 1281 years, making an average of 61 years—a jolly lot of old whist players they were too. At 11 o'clock the games being closed, the favors were presented, Mrs. H. A. Mayhew and N. L. Babb receiving each fancy baskets, filled with fruits, candy etc., and Mr and Mrs. Howard Overacker received the consolation prizes for the greatest number of points lost. Refreshments were served in the dining room and the guests remained about the board, laughing, giving toasts and mutual congratulations until midnight.

The C. J. Bond Wine Cellar.

Among the wine cellars in the near vicinity of Irvington, is that known as the C. J. Bond Wine Cellar. Although small in comparison with several of the larger ones, yet it turns out some of the finest claret that is produced in this valley.

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The grapes that go into the Bond crusher have to be of the best, as Mr. Bond prides himself on making a Zinfandel claret which will stand the test of the connoiseur, and it therefore becomes a ready seller.

Tamale Social in the Church, Friday evening Nov. 19th.

Turkey shooting and raffle in town Thanksgiving Eve, and day.

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DECOTO.

The Niles and Decoto C. E. societies held a union meeting in the church Sunday evening.

The Ladies' Guild met with Mrs. Crane this week. They are preparing for a Bazaar which they will hold some time in December.

Mr. Almer Haley of San Francisco spent Sunday in Decoto.

A few Decoto people attended the installation exercises of Rev. Hale Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Graesslin spent the last part of last week visiting in the city.

Louis Decoto, Frank Garcia and Will Anderson played in the foot-ball gsme at Centreville Saturday. Quite a good showing for Decoto.

Several of the trustees of the Masonic Home visited the site Sunday.

Our church will soon be finished off inside.

The members of the Y. P. S. C. E gave a "cob-web social" in the church Friday evening. The little church was comfortably filled and all seemed to have an enjoyable time.

CENTREVILLE.

A grand turkey raffle will take place at the Gregory House Nov 23rd 24th and 25th. Those desiring a fine, fat turkey should be sure and attend.

Whooping-cough has struck this town quite hard and a number of children are down with it and more will follow.

County Superintendent of Schools Garlick visited our public school Monday.

The funeral of Lemon Hilton, who died in San Jose Sunday, took place yesterday, the body being interred in the Presbyterian cemetary.

S. C. Archibald is somewhat wrathy over the fact that his name appears on the Davis circular as being a member of the Davis committee from Washington township. He states most positively that he did not authorize the use of his name for any such purpose, and would greatly thank the man who placed it there to mind his own business.

There was a meeting of the Town Hall Ladies yesterday. They decided to give an entertainment on Dec. 10, followed by a dance. A Farce will be given and other amusement. The Ladies find that their debt has decreased from $1500 to $400—$200 of which is promised. They mean to make a great effort to finish paying the debt and hope all will assist.

Our "light-weight" foot-ball team met the San Jose High School boys on the gridiron Saturday, and as a matter of course hung the scalps of the visiting eleven on their belts, by a score of 12 to 0. The young ladies from Curtner Seminary arrived during the game and presented a very pleasing appearance when entering the grounds. Ches Hatch the genial manager of the C. A. C. team feels now as though his boys could meet some of the "crack" players of the State, and will endeavor to arrange a game with the Y. M. C. A's., of Oakland, the champions of California. Twice has a game been arranged with this contingent of kickers, but both times has our manager been sadly disappointed in their not putting in an appearance

WARM SPRINGS.

It is an assured fact that the next time some of our lady friends witness a marriage ceremony they will remove all objectional decorations from their conveyance before taking their departure from the scene of the festivities.

Mr. and Mrs Samuel Rainey, together with their guests, Mr. Robt Harris and wife, Wm. Cunninghan and Wm Nelson, have returned to San Francisco.

Miss Mabel Durkee has returned home from a visit with friends in Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs Thos. Power was tendered quite a pleasant surprise party by their friends in Warm Springs and surrounding towns on their return home from their honeymoon.

Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Aleck Leitch spent Thursday in San Jose

The Rain-fall.

Below will be found a table showing the amount of rain-fall at Irvington up to date of issue as furnished by H. Crowell:

Storm	.11	inches
Year, to date	1.87	"
Last year to date	3.36	"
Total for last year	19.17	"

Turkey Shoot.

There will be a grand Turkey Shoot at Christensens saloon, Irvington, Wednesday and Thursday Nov. 24 and 25. All are invited to come and try for a bird.

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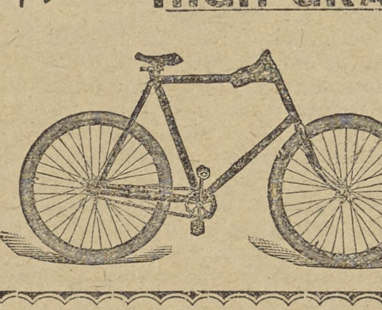

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Pa's Prayers.

Once upon a time sickness came to the family of the poorly paid pastor of a country church, says the Omaha World-Herald. It was winter, and the pastor was in financial straits. A number of his flock decided to meet at his house and offer prayers for the speedy recovery of the sick ones and for material blessings upon the pastor's family. While one of the deacons was offering a fervent prayer for blessings upon the pastor's household there was a loud knock at the door. When the door was opened, a stout farmer boy was seen, wrapped up comfortably.

"What do you want, boy?" asked one of the elders.

"I've brought pa's prayers," replied the boy.

"Brought pa's prayers? What do you mean?"

"Yes, brought his prayers, an they're out in the wagon. Just help me, an we'll get 'em in."

Investigation disclosed the fact that "pa's prayers" consisted of potatoes, flour, bacon, cornmeal, turnips, apples, warm clothing and a lot of jellies for the sick ones. The prayer meeting adjourned in short order.

The omnibuses of one London company cover just about 20,000,000 miles in the course of a year—half as much as is covered by the trains of the London and Northwestern railway—a distance sufficient to take them nearly three times around the world every day.

SLAIN BY POISON.

Not the poison that the covert assassin administers in the drink, the food, or some other guise, but the poison of malaria shortens the lives of myriads. There is a safe and certain antidote, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only fortifies the system against malaria, but roots out its seeds when they have germinated. Dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism, liver and kidney trouble are conquered by the Bitters.

A Sedalia (Mo.) dispatch says the drought in Pettis and adjoining counties, which has prevailed since July, has now been broken by a heavy rain, which will be of untold value to the farmers.

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"It's pretty cold in here." Barber—Yes, sir; it is chilly this morning. Mr. Absentmind—If you have no objection I'll keep on my hat while you are cutting my hair.

COAL AND IRON.

The Important Relationship of These Two Valuable Minerals.

Statistics show that, whereas Great Britain in 1840 produced 75 per cent of the world's supply of coal, at the present time it produces only 34 per cent. Atlantic liners no longer carry coal from Great Britain for the return journey. They now take in American coal, and no less than 1,500,000 tons of American coal were thus consumed in 1895. The condition of the iron manufacturing industry has always exercised a most important influence on the production of coal, so that a large demand for iron draws with it a large demand for mineral fuel. During the last 25 years the world's production of pig iron has increased from 12,000,000 to 26,000,000 tons, but the share taken by Great Britain has fallen from 48.8 per cent to 29 per cent, while that of the United States has increased from 14.1 per cent to 26.2 per cent, that of Germany from 11.4 per cent to 21.4 per cent, and that of Russia from 8 per cent to 4.7 per cent. Indeed, iron is now being imported from the United States into this country, and, incredible as it may seem, the railway station at Middlesbrough, the center of the iron trade, is built of iron brought from Belgium. Surely, then, the author of "Our Coal Resources at the Close of the Nineteenth Century" is hardly right in thinking that British coal and iron still hold their own. He argues that other countries of Europe are exhausting their coal supplies just as Great Britain is, yet the figures he gives show that Germany has in reserve, within a depth of 3,000 feet, 109,000,000,000 tons of coal as compared with our (England's) 81,683,000,000 tons within a depth of 4,000 feet. And this estimate does not include brown coal, of which Germany raises 25,000,000 tons annually.—Nature.

CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINES.

They Have Done Much to Reduce the Loss From Water at Fires.

Mr. Charles T. Hill writes of "The Fire Patrol" in St. Nicholas, the final paper in his series on the New York fire department. Mr. Hill says:

"The "chemical engine," used considerably in the fire departments of several cities, has aided materially in lowering the loss by water at small fires. The preparation carried in the tanks of these engines has a double advantage—not only does it extinguish a large body of fire with the use of a small amount of water, but the liquid itself evaporates quickly, leaving very little "drip" in the apartments or floors underneath the fire.

"The tanks of these engines are charged with a solution of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) and water, with a small cylinder of sulphuric acid suspended at the top. When the tank is inverted, this acid is emptied into the soda and water, and the mixture at once generates carbonic acid gas at a great pressure. Charging the liquid with this gas gives it the necessary pressure to drive it a considerable distance. The hose is coiled around a reel on top of the engine, and always connected with the tanks, so when the firemen arrive at a fire all they have to do is to run off as much hose as they need, dash up stairs with the line, give the order to "dump" one of the tanks (there are two, carrying 60 gallons each), and they are all ready to go to work. The chemical engine has extinguished more than 35 fires of considerable size since it has been in service in the New York department, a little over a year. It is stationed on the upper west side of the city, where there are a great number of dwellings and flats, and it has aided materially in keeping down the fire losses in that part of New York.

Toymaking.

A great many toys are now made in this country, including many mechanical devices. Many toys are still imported. Such things as woolly sheep and dogs, now as highly prized by children as ever, come from Germany, as do the skin covered horses. They could be made here, but they can be produced cheaper abroad.

As a rule, whatever can be made by machinery is made here, while toys made by hand are mostly imported. The minute a thing is brought within the reach of machinery American manufacturers can pay their higher prices for labor and still beat the world. With the low prices of labor in foreign countries handmade productions can be made cheaper in them. As a result of this there are toys of some kinds which in their completed state are partly American and partly foreign. Among these are toy vehicles with horses attached. The vehicles and everything in and about them may be the product of American machinery, while the horse standing between the shafts may be from Germany.—New York Sun.

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Until October 15th two words allowed for every ticket; after that only one word for every ticket.

If only one person finds the word, that person gets $2000.00; if several find it, $2000.00 will be equally divided among them.

Every one sending a brown or yellow ticket will receive a set of cardboard creeping babies at the end of the contest. Those sending three or more in one envelope will receive an 1898 pocket calendar—no advertising on it. These creeping babies and pocket calendars will be different from the ones offered in the last contest.

Better cut these rules out.

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THE PILGRIMS.

"Whither, pilgrims, whither bound,
Passing slowly with no sound?"
One by one they journey by,
Gliding, gliding silently.
Slowly, slowly, dim and gray,
Hold they on their ghostly way

"Hither, children, making May
Of the solemn autumn day.
Who were they but now went by
While the dead weeds gave a sigh?
Who the pilgrims, dim and gray,
Stopped and looked upon your play?"

"We have wandered many hours
Here where some one hides the flowers;
We heard laughter in the grass,
But we saw no pilgrim pass."
Whispers one—pale cheeked is she:
"Shapes went by. They beckoned me."
—John Vance Cheney in Century.

HEROES OF BUENA VISTA.

Their Sadly Neglected Burial Ground Near Saltillo, Mexico.

The hardy young Americans who left their comfortable homes in the United States more than half a century ago and came to Mexico with General Taylor to fight against the people of this country probably did not think that should they fall in battle their bones would be left to crumble to dust in an unmarked spot in this distant land. But today the dead heroes of the Buena Vista battlefield lie under but a few feet of earth in a neglected place just outside this city. At the time of their hasty burial their devoted comrades evidently sought to make the spot somewhat sacred by constructing an adobe wall around it. This wall is fast succumbing to the ravages of time, and in places it is completely gone. I visited the burial ground of the dead heroes today. A tram car took me as far as the pretty San Francisco plaza, and from there I walked through a dirty, narrow street until I came to an arroyo, on the other side of which the faint marks indicating the cemetery may be seen. Had I not received careful directions I should have passed the place unnoticed. On the side toward the city the wall is entirely gone for the most part, and a much traveled wagon road passes through the place and over the sacred dead. The place which had once been inclosed by the adobe wall embraces probably two acres, but investigation shows that many were buried west of the wall and up close to the arroyo.

Some time ago the report was published in the press of the United States that the bones of the buried soldiers were protruding from the ground, and that the place presented a sickening spectacle. This report was not strictly true, but it is undoubtedly a fact that parts of many of the skeletons have come to the surface. The ground is strewn with fragments of bones, and it is evident that they come from the men who were buried there. None of these bones is large, as the heavy traffic through the place has broken them up into small pieces. If any skulls came to the surface, they were no doubt quickly taken by the Mexican children who were about and made innocent playthings of. Had they ever appeared they certainly would not have remained intact on the surface long. In the arroyo, through which floods of water pass at times and wash one side of the burial ground, there are also many pieces of bones among the rocks, and among them I saw an unbroken rib bone which looked like that of a human.

There is not a spear of grass nor a sign of vegetable life within the inclosure. It is perfectly barren. The place should certainly receive attention at the hands of the United States congress, even if nothing more is done than to take such steps as will stay the ravages of time and weather on the treacherous soil and permit the bodies lying there to rest undisturbed. It could easily be made an attractive and even beautiful place by laying it out in walks and planting trees and plants. The ravages of the floods in the arroyo on the soil of the cemetery could be checked by the building of a substantial wall along that side. In addition to the several hundred who were killed in battle, all of the soldiers who died in the hospital here were also buried there.—Mexican Letter in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Wilmer McLean's Two Historic Houses.

General Horace Porter describes the surrender of Lee in his "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century. The surrender took place in the house of Wilmer McLean, it will be remembered. General Porter says: It is a singular historical coincidence that McLean's former home was upon a Virginia farm near the battleground of the first Bull Run, and his house was used for a time as the headquarters of General Beauregard. When it was found that this fight was so popular that it was given an encore and a second battle of Bull Run was fought the next year on the same ground, Mr. McLean became convinced that the place was altogether lacking in repose, and, to avoid the active theater of war, he removed to the quiet village of Appomattox, only to find himself again surrounded by contending armies. Thus the first and last scenes of the war drama in Virginia were enacted upon his property.

The Key of Sheridan's Success.

General Horace Porter, in his "Campaigning With Grant," in The Century, says, after describing the battle of Five Forks:

Sheridan had that day fought one of the most interesting tactical battles of the war, admirable in conception, brilliant in execution, strikingly dramatic in its incidents and productive of extremely important results.

I said to him, "It seems to me that you have exposed yourself today in a manner hardly justifiable on the part of a commander of such an important movement." His reply gave what seems to be the true key to his uniform success on the field, "I have never in my life taken a command into battle and had the slightest desire to come out alive unless I won."

Facing the Music.

The spirit of this simile is used by John Bunyan in the meditation "Of the Horse and Drum," in his "Book For Boys and Girls; or, Country Rhymes For Children," published in 1686. Of the genuine Christian he says, inter alia:

Let drummers beat the charge or what they will,
They'll nose them, face them, keep their places still.

—Notes and Queries.

Japanese theaters have their boxes so arranged that the ladies can change dresses, as it is not considered stylish for a lady to appear an entire evening in one dress and with the same ornaments.

TELLS A LONG STORY.

A Granite Monument at Antietam Recalls a Family History.

Major Kingsbury had a daughter as well as the son who fell at Antietam. The daughter married Simon Bolivar Buckner of Kentucky some time before the war. When General Buckner decided to go with the Confederacy, the danger of confiscation of his wife's interest in the Chicago estate confronted him. A family council resulted in the transfer of Mrs. Buckner's property to her brother. Colonel Kingsbury fell in battle without leaving a will to protect his sister's inheritance. When the war closed, the return of Mrs. Buckner's interest in her father's estate was asked for in behalf of her children. Mrs. Kingsbury declined to concede it. She claimed all that had been left in her husband's name for her son and herself. Litigation followed and dragged along for years. Major Kingsbury's 40 acres were in the heart of Chicago when the fire occurred.

In the years immediately following the war Washington had few women more talked about than the beautiful widows, Mrs. Becky Jones and Mrs. Kingsbury, the nieces of an ex-president of the United States. Mrs. Kingsbury became the wife of Gallatin Lawrence, son of one of the wealthiest manufacturers in Rhode Island. Gallatin Lawrence had chosen a diplomatic career. He was sent to Costa Rica as minister. When he came back, society at the capital had a great sensation over the talk of a duel between Minister Lawrence and Captain von der Hass of the Belgian legation because of the captain's attentions to the beautiful Mrs. Lawrence. The Belgian sailed for Europe. So did Mrs. Lawence. Gallatin Lawrence followed. There was a duel and then a divorce case. Von der Hass went to Egypt. Mrs. Lawrence went there too. Gallatin Lawrence returned to the States.

The son of Colonel Kingsbury was sent to Oxford. His inheritance was cut in two by a decision restoring to her heirs Mrs. Buckner's share in the 40 acres. One day young Kingsbury came home from Oxford, bringing a college friend. Between the English student and Mrs. Lawrence an attachment quickly developed. Mrs. Lawrence was twice the age of her son's chum. She married him and is, or was the last that friends in this country learned, living with him abroad. Kingsbury married a Levantine, and he, too, is in a foreign country. The fortune acquired through the Chicago investment has been much reduced. Mrs. Becky Jones, after a long career in Washington, traveled extensively and settled in Canada, where she is still living, by all accounts. This is the complicated sequel, briefly told, of the events which the granite monument above the stone bridge at Antietam commemorates.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The African Piano.

Among the musical instruments used on the Congo we notice the long and short drum. Some drums are used to beat the time of the dance. Some other drums are used as telephones for the transmission of messages to neighboring villages. The stringed instruments represent the African harp. The ivory horns are used for the convocation of popular assemblies. The double bell is used to call the attention of the people to some proclamation of the chief. The Africans everywhere are very musical, but their music does not always suit European taste.

The African dance is not always indulged in for amusement alone. Dancing enters into some of the most solemn ceremonies, as, for instance, the inauguration of a new king. Then the chief elect of the tribe dances very gravely before the assembled elders and the people.

The madimba had been called the African piano. It is made of calabashes of graded sizes, which are surmounted by boards, of graded sizes also, all being attached to a semicircular frame. Each board represents a note or half tone and emits its appointed sound when struck by one of the two rubber balls at the ends of two sticks, which are cleverly handled by the musician. While almost every native can beat the drum or play some of the minor musical instruments, the playing of the madimba is an art which only a few specialists learn. They must be paid for playing at festivities or ceremonies, and their art supports them, either partly or entirely.—Journal of American Folk Lore.

Sheridan In Battle.

General Horace Porter, in his "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century, says of Sheridan at Appomattox: No one could look at Sheridan at such a moment without a sentiment of undisguised admiration. In this campaign, as in others, he had shown himself possessed of military traits of the highest order. Bold in conception, self reliant, demonstrating by his acts that "much danger makes great hearts most resolute," fertile in resources, combining the restlessness of a Hotspur with the patience of a Fabius, it is no wonder that he should have been looked upon as the wizard of the battlefield. Generous of his life, gifted with the ingenuity of a Hannibal, the dash of a Murat, the courage of a Ney, the magnetism of his presence roused his troops to deeds of individual heroism, and his unconquerable columns rushed to victory with all the confidence of Cæsar's Tenth legion. Wherever blows fell thickest there was his crest. Despite the valor of the defense opposing ranks went down before the fierceness of his onsets, never to rise again, and he would not pause till the folds of his banner waved above the strongholds he had wrested from the foe. Brave Sheridan! I can almost see him now, his silent clay again quickened into life, once more riding Rienzi through a fire of hell, leaping opposing earthworks at a single bound, and leaving nothing of those who barred his way except the fragments scattered in his path. As long as manly courage is talked of or heroic deeds are honored the hearts of a grateful people will beat responsive to the mention of the talismanic name of Sheridan.

There is a species of pine tree which grows in California and is known as the giant pine which is the largest of the pine genus, often rising to a height of 200 feet, with a trunk 20 to 30 feet in girth.

In some parts of South Africa much damage is done by baboons, which go in large marauding parties to rob gardens.

SOME ONE MIGHT HEAR.

I breathed my vows one evening
Unto my love so fair.
Her tresses brushed my forehead
As I leaned above her chair.
I saw her burning blushes
As I whispered in her ear,
But, oh, she would not answer!
Said she, "Some one might hear!"

I grasped her hand and pressed it
All fondly in mine own
And told her that her image
Was set on memory's throne.
I vowed I loved her truly,
That she to me was dear,
But, oh, no answer got I
Save she feared "some one might hear!"

I scouted at her caution.
My breath did fan her cheek.
I implored in fervent language
That she to me would speak.
I saw her with emotion
Wipe from her eye a tear,
Yet still she softly murmured,
"Suppose some one should hear!"

My hopes began to vanish.
My tears commenced to flow,
And to hide from her my weakness
I turned away to go,
When I heard a trembling whisper
Fall softly on my ear,
"Oh, yes, I fondly love you,
And I care not who may hear!"
—Finley Johnson in New York Ledger.

WHAT SHE WANTED.

The Huckster Was Called Up Four Flights to Hear Something.

A huckster was going along an east side street early one morning making the welkin ring with his singsong of "Po-ta-t-o-o-o-es, toma-t-o-o-es! Nice sweet cooking appools!" As he drove slowly along he lifted his eyes to the windows on either side of the street.

Suddenly there appeared a woman's head at a window in one of the top flats. The huckster pulled in his horse and raised his ear to listen to the commands he expected would be coming, but the woman had not the lung power to make her voice carry so far, and the huckster called out, "How's that?"

Again the woman called, and her voice came down faintly. The huckster didn't know whether she wanted potatoes, cantaloupes, tomatoes or corn. So he marked the fourth flat from the corner and motioned that he would drive around to the alley. The woman was there waiting for him and called out once more, but he couldn't understand her.

Gathering a handful of samples of various vegetables from his stock, he mounted four flights of back stairs and arrived at the top panting. The woman stood there awaiting his coming.

"Couldn't hear what you said, lady," said the huckster. "So I brought up some of each kind an you can pick what you want an I'll go down an get 'em."

"Want?" said the woman, who was in a towering rage. "Want? I don't want none of your old vegetables. What I want is for you to stop hollerin in front of this house, or I'll have you arrested. You're enough to wake the dead. My husband works all night, and he's just got into a little doze, and goodness knows it's hard enough to sleep daytimes without a fiend like you standing in front of the house yelling like a Comanche. Now you get out of here and don't you holler no more or I'll get the police after you!"

The huckster stood with set eyes and drooping jaw, the perspiration dropping off his chin, while this harangue was going on. When she had finished, he came out of his trance and said:

"Is that what you called me all the way up here for? Send fer yer p'lice, lady! I'm goin to yell to beat the band." And he went down the stairs and out of the alley and up the street in front of the house with four extra links let out of his throat, and if any person slept on that street it was under the influence of opiates.—Kansas City Star.

ALL THE OX UTILIZED.

Every Particle Put to Use—Only Its Dying Breath Lost.

In an article on the "Wonders of the World's Waste," William George Jordan, in The Ladies' Home Journal, details how science at the present day utilizes the ox. "Not many years ago," he says, "when an ox was slaughtered 40 per cent of the animal was wasted. At the present time 'nothing is lost but its dying breath.' As but one-third of the weight of the animal consists of products that can be eaten, the question of utilizing the waste is a serious one. The blood is used in refining sugar and in sizing paper or manufactured into doorknobs and buttons. The hide goes to the tanner; horns and hoofs are transformed into combs and buttons; thigh bones, worth $80 per ton, are cut into handles for clothesbrushes; fore leg bones sell for $30 per ton for collar buttons, parasol handles and jewelry; the water in which bones are boiled is reduced to glue; the dust from sawing the bones is food for cattle and poultry; the smallest bones are made into boneblack. Each foot yields a quarter of a pint of neatsfoot oil; the tail goes to the "soup," while the brush of hair at the end of the tail is sold to the mattress maker. The choicer parts of the fat make the basis of butterine; the intestines are used for sausage casings or bought by gold beaters. The undigested food in the stomach, which formerly cost the packers of Chicago $30,000 a year to remove and destroy, is now made into paper. These are but a few of the products of abattoirs. All scraps unfit for any other use find welcome in the glue pot, or they do missionary work for farmers by acting as fertilizers."

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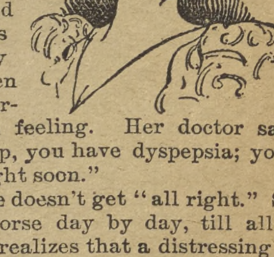

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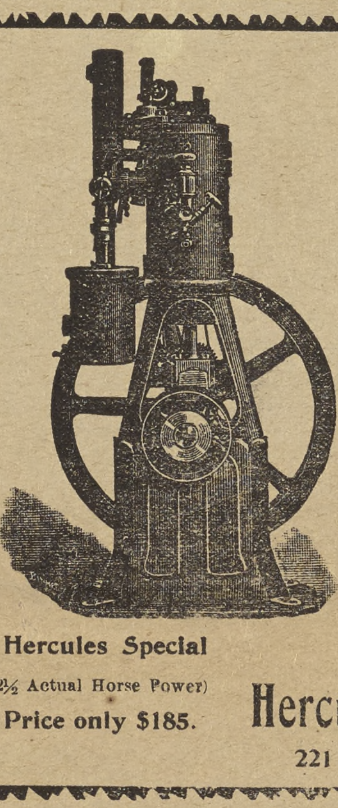

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